

Sinn Fein Army Football Team Freed From Jail

Captured at Dromore Last Month—Situation in Northern Ireland Calmer—Belief Quiet.

Belfast, Feb. 20.—(By A. P.)—Lieutenant Mead of the army service corps was shot dead and a staff sergeant seriously wounded as a result of an attack from ambush along a road near Dublin this afternoon.

Belfast, Feb. 20.—(By A. P.)—Members of the Irish republican army football team, captured at Dromore last month, were released from the Londonderry jail today in conformity with the order issued last night by Viscount Fitzalan, the viceroy.

The released men were conveyed in motor cars across the Irish free state border in Donegal by British troops. They were accompanied on the remainder of their journey by Commandant Shields of Donegal, Sinn Fein liaison officer.

Situation Calmer.

Belfast, Feb. 20.—(By A. P.)—The situation in northern Ireland is considerably calmer than at any time during the last week, and the fear of a clash on the southern frontier has dwindled. The rival forces, however, retain their positions along the border and hope is expressed that the next few days will see them withdrawn.

Begin Operations.

Meanwhile the joint liaison commissions are understood to have begun their operations. Two British officers and two officers of the Ulster special constabulary form the northern commission, with headquarters at Clogher; the southern commission comprises two British and two provisional government officers, with their base at Monaghan. They will apparently institute a sort of patrol, keeping in touch with each other and using their influence where it may be needed in the interest of peace.

It is stated unofficially that the decision to release the Irish republican army football players from the Londonderry jail was reached when the northern government informed the British government that it had abandoned its intention to prosecute the men.

Kill Constable.

A party of class B specials challenged a Crossley tender bearing a number of specials to the Cavan county line yesterday. The driver of the tender did not stop, whereupon a member of the challenging party fired, killing Constable McEnnis. The incident, which is supposed to have been due to a mistake, occurred on the northern side of the border.

14,000 British Troops.

Dublin, Feb. 20.—(By A. P.)—Fourteen thousand British troops are now left in Ireland, according to a statement issued by the publicity branch of the Irish republican army. Fifty military barracks and 150 police barracks have been taken over by the provisional government.

Ard Fheis to Meet.

Dublin, Feb. 20.—(By A. P.)—Delegates to the Ard Fheis, or national Sinn Fein convention, which meets tomorrow, were already gathering in large numbers today. About 3,000 representatives from all parts of the country are expected to attend. The ostensible purpose of the convention is to decide the future constitution of the Sinn Fein movement, but by the discussions and final vote will be revealed the comparative strength of the supporters of Eamonn de Valera and Arthur Griffith among the Sinn Fein clubs throughout Ireland.

Bonus Financing Issue Back to Subcommittee

(Continued From Page One.) position to the financing of it by a sales or manufacturers tax and sets forth that its signers "will oppose any rule for the adjusted compensation that does not permit a separate vote on any sales or manufacturer tax provision therein."

Harding Gets Messages.

While the ways and means committee was discussing the bonus question it was made known at the White House that President Harding had received many communications opposing enactment of bonus legislation for the present. At the same time the American Legion's legislative committee made public a telegram from Hanford MacNider, the Legion's national commander, opposing any further delay in the bonus legislation.

It was said that the communications reaching Mr. Harding in opposition to enactment of the bonus outnumbered those favoring action, but it was added that many of those opposing the bill showed a similarity.

Much of the informal bonus discussion centered around the question of whether a sales tax provision could be voted out by the ways and means committee. Representative Garner of Texas, the ranking democrat on the committee, said the eight minority members would vote solidly against such a tax. On this basis five republican votes would defeat the proposal and it was understood that present estimates were that four of the 17 republicans would be against it, with two others probably doubtful.

Should the committee fail to report out a sales tax, it seemed to be a somewhat general opinion that the house would get a bill without any specific provision for financing the adjusted compensation. A bill in this form is favored by some leaders of the agricultural bloc and also by some of the leaders of the majority party.

To Form New Ministry

London, Feb. 20.—The Rome correspondent of the London Times sends a report that ex-Premier Giolitti has been charged by the king to form a new ministry.

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Former Law Partner of Judge Lake Dies



James W. Hamilton.

James W. Hamilton, 4833 California street, a brother of Dr. H. P. Hamilton, died Sunday morning. He was a lawyer, at first in the office of Thurston & Hall, and later a law partner of Judge George B. Lake. This association continued until Judge Lake's death in 1910.

Mr. Hamilton was born in 1857. He married Adine Van Gieson here in 1898. He is survived by her and six children, Mary, William, Adine, Eleanor, Margaret and James; his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth K. Hamilton, 93; a sister, Mrs. Amy Barron, and two brothers, H. P. of Omaha and John, a professor in Kentucky State university.

The funeral will be today at 3 in the Dundee Presbyterian church.

Guilty Plea Entered by Ex-Banker Mathews

(Continued From Page One.) and O'Brien, indicted for embezzlement in connection with the Great Western Commercial Body company, will precede the trials of Sunderland and Stickle, the attorney general said. Judge Leslie may determine the maximum and minimum sentence for Mathews, which will be from one to 10 years, according to Davis.

Attorney General Davis came from Lincoln to participate in the proceedings yesterday morning. Davis is gratified.

"Naturally I am gratified at this vindication of the work of the special grand jury," said Davis. "At the time the indictments were returned there was a good deal of skepticism among people not conversant with the evidence who felt that no convictions would result. That idea is now proved false."

"The Mathews case was not the simplest of those awaiting trial by any means. It was one of the most intricate. The hunt for evidence took myself or others of my department to both coasts and to many intermediate states. Yet when the time came for trial, Mr. Mathews decided not to face the evidence which we had collected. This augurs well for the successful prosecution of the other cases awaiting trial."

Statement Issued by Mathews. Mathews made the following statement today:

"In taking this course, I have done so only after careful consideration from every viewpoint and against the advice of my attorneys, business associates and friends, believing I will be doing the greatest good to the largest number of persons as well as complying with the letter of the law which I must respect. I find that technically I may have violated the banking law, and if I have, I desire to pay the penalty. I am positively and absolutely not guilty, however, of any wrong intention or have not knowingly defrauded anyone. I desire to leave nothing possible undone that others might be protected from financial loss."

Seeks to Protect Investors.

"Should I have gone to the courts, it might have taken years before a final decision could be reached, as to convict me it would be necessary to prove intent to defraud. This would be impossible, but in leaving the question unsettled while in court, the bank guaranty fund of Nebraska, the stockholders and creditors of the Pioneer State bank and the Guaranty Securities company would be subjected to severe losses."

"The bonds of the Colonial Timber and Coal corporation, key to solving our financial difficulties, I believe to be absolutely good. I know the lands against which these bonds are issued are worth many times the amount of the bond issue, and I know the Colonial corporation owns the only title to these lands. If I did not believe this I would not sacrifice my liberty for an offense of which I am morally innocent, without a vigorous effort in the courts to establish my innocence. Believing as I do, however, I feel it is my duty to do everything possible to save the investors in these institutions from loss."

"Another reason is, that I desire to make it possible that the reorganization of the Guaranty Securities company, now well under way, may be consummated and completed by formation of a holding company to take over assets of the old company and hold and conserve same until they can be disposed of at near their real value, which should be sufficient to pay creditors and stockholders in full. I doubt whether this could be successfully carried out while legal proceedings were pending against me in the courts."

Thinks of Others.

"I find that several hundred investors and stockholders as well as the bank guaranty fund of Nebraska undoubtedly will be greatly benefited by the action I have taken; whereas, should I have taken the course of fighting through the courts, there might have been heavy losses sustained. Under these conditions I deem it a privilege rather than a punishment for me to comply with whatever penalty may be demanded by the court, for I feel that I did everything within my power that others might not suffer. More than this I cannot do."

"W. V. MATHEWS."

See Want Ads Bring Results.

Republicans Air Differences Over Tariff Measure

House and Senate Conferees Meet in Joint Session to Settle Valuation Question.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Differences between republicans of the senate finance committee and the house ways and means committee over tariff valuation principles were aired today at a three hours' secret conference without any concrete result. Neither side appeared hopeful of an early agreement.

House Committee Foreman Longworth and Green, who would constitute the majority conferees for the house on any tariff bill proposed by the senate, held out strongly for the American valuation principle as written into the house bill. This was resisted by the senate conferees, who, in undertaking to rewrite the house measure, long ago abandoned that principle.

Agreement Sought.

The conference was asked for by the senate committee majority, following the declaration Saturday of Mr. Fordney that if the senate sent back to the house a bill carrying a foreign valuation basis as tentatively agreed upon by senate committee republicans, the ways and means committee would rewrite the measure on the basis of American valuation principle and the house would return that to the senate.

Chairman McCumber said it was desirable to bring about an agreement between the two committees if possible before the bill was reported to the senate, as time probably would be saved in that way. It was explained that any change in the valuation principle underlying the bill would involve a recasting of most of the ad valorem rates or a

rewriting of a great part of the whole measure.

Discussion Heated.

The discussion behind closed doors of the senate committee room was said to have been heated at times today, but many of those in attendance thought that the frank discussion would serve to clear the atmosphere and pave the way for some kind of a compromise. Just now, however, senators and representatives are so far apart on the question that a specific compromise plan has not been seriously considered.

None of those interested was prepared to say how long intercommittee conferences would delay the completion of the tariff, but it was practically certain that the measure would not be ready for the senate before next month.

There already has been talk of some two or three months' debate in the senate and after a final vote there the bill would have to go to conference.

Racing and Other Events

for Johnson County Fair

Tecumseh, Neb., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The board of managers of the Johnson county fair has started a good program of entertainment features for the annual fair. The fair this year will be held September 19 to 24, with day and night attractions. Johnson county will be in a tri-county circuit, with Gage and Pawnee counties, the fairs to follow the state fair at Lincoln. There will be three days of horse racing at each fair, with two harness races and a running race each day. Purse amounting to nearly \$2,500 will be put up at each fair. The fair managers here have arranged for automobile races one day and for a pageant of floats. There will be fireworks the three nights of the fair, together with other night attractions. Something like \$5,000 will be paid in premiums. At the present time the fair association, in connection with the chautauqua association, which has a permanent auditorium on the grounds, is making an effort to secure funds with which to build concrete walks across the grounds and to the buildings.

Victim's Parents Attend.

Tierney will be the chief witness.

Exhibits Pile Up in Murder Trial of Frank Tierney

Speed Marks Conduct of Case Against Alleged Slayer of Railroad Detective, Robert Murray.

Exhibits used in the four earlier trials of the Lena Schneider farm bandits were piled high on the tables before the jury in Judge O. D. Wheeler's section of the Council Bluffs district court yesterday at the trial of Frank Tierney, charged with assault with intent to commit murder. The stuff, merchandise loot found in the house on the afternoon of the raid, is beginning to be sadly soiled from much handling. The only article missing is the famous "barbecue" which may appear later.

Trial Moves Rapidly.

The trial is moving rapidly and the state's case will probably be concluded by noon today. J. J. Hess, attorney for Tierney, thought last evening that the defense would not consume more than half a day and the case will probably be in the hands of the jury by Wednesday afternoon. The state called only five witnesses yesterday, Knox, Lane, Jones, Ready and Captain Shafer. H. H. Morgan was not in the courtroom when called and court adjourned an hour earlier than contemplated. He will be the first witness this morning.

Tierney, indicted for first degree murder in connection with the death of Robert Murray, and for assault with intent to murder, is being tried on the lesser charge. He is alleged to have fired two shots at Elmer Lane. Lane was subjected to a grilling cross-examination by Attorney Hess.

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for the defense and will repeat the story that he dived into the cellar when the shooting began.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Murray, parents of Robert Murray, the railroad detective slain during the raid, are here from Des Moines to attend the trial.

Support of Labor Men Pledged by Leaders

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pledged his support "in any liberal plan of coalition."

The same idea was expressed by James H. Maurer of the national executive council of the socialist party and president of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor.

Following the election of Mr. Johnston as permanent chairman and Benjamin C. Marsh of the Farmers' National Council, as secretary, the committees were named as follows:

Program: Basil Manly, J. H. Franklin, George F. Griffith, E. J. Manion, Herbert S. Bigelow, H. P. Daugherty, H. F. Samuels, J. G. Brown, James O'Neal, Harry W. Fox and Miss Alice Lorraine Daly.

Organization: Frederic C. Howe, John Fitzpatrick, Timothy Healy, James Maurer, Martin F. Ryan, Morris Hilquit, E. C. Curtis, Arthur E. Holder and Miss Agnes Nesbit.

The committees expect to have their reports completed for presentation when the conference convenes tomorrow morning.

Sterling Retains McVay as Schools Superintendent

Tecumseh, Neb., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The Board of Education at Sterling has contracted with Prof. F. H. McVay, superintendent of schools for the past year, for two years more of service. The salary for the next two years is to be increased. At a meeting to be held next month the members of the teaching force will be elected. It is understood the board favors slight reductions in salaries of all teachers.

See Want Ads Bring Results.

Few Candidates File for Fillmore County Primaries

Geneva, Neb., Feb. 20.—Few candidates have filed for the primaries in Fillmore county. For the nomination for treasurer, Clay Thomas, present deputy, has filed, and also J. P. Moor of Omaha. Both are republicans. Lester S. Donisthorpe of Geneva, who has held the office two terms, is not a candidate. William H. Siler, democrat, county clerk for two terms, has announced he will run for the office again. Thomas Ashton, war veteran, also a democrat, has filed for nomination. Both candidates reside at Geneva. George A. Williams, republican, of Fairmont, will try for the position of secretary of state, and Matthew J. Rock, democrat, of Geneva, expects to make the race for congress in the Fourth district.

Capitol Oil Company to Hold Annual Meet at Fairbury

Fairbury, Neb., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The Capitol City Oil company will hold its annual convention at Fairbury again this year. There will be a four-day convention, February 21, 22, 23 and 24. Between 75 and 100 are expected. The Chamber of Commerce rooms are engaged for the first two days and the Moose hall the last two.

Condition of Irvin S. Cobb Considerably Improved

Boston, Feb. 20.—The condition of Irvin S. Cobb, humorist and author, whose lecture tour was interrupted here by an attack of influenza, was reported today as considerably improved.

Economy Assured. Weeks Declares

Secretary Urges Lump Appropriation in Framing of Army Budget Bill.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Assurance that the War department, if granted a lump sum appropriation, would make a record for economy during the coming fiscal year was given by Secretary Weeks to the house subcommittee that is framing the army appropriation bill.

Discussing before the subcommittee in executive session the financial needs of the army as represented by the budget bureau estimates submitted to congress, the war secretary was understood to have expressed the belief that the expenditure of certain bureaus could be decreased considerably. Ruthless slashing by congress of allowance for various activities with stipulations that certain sums should be used for specified purposes, the secretary was said to have told the committee, might prove so restrictive as to hamper economical administration of the army.

The secretary was said to have reiterated his belief that provision should be made for an enlisted strength of 150,000 men and to have expressed vigorous opposition to suggestions that the number of men in the army may be scaled down to 100,000 or 125,000.

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